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Application No. 09/542,681	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed October 22, 2010, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

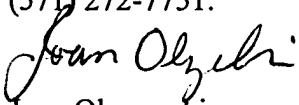
The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on January 25, 2010 for failure to pay the three and one-half year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Additionally, the file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a request to change the address of record should be filed. Petitioner should note that a change of correspondence address would not affect the fee address. Therefore, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence, which **may** be mailed regarding maintenance fees for the above-identified patent, the "fee address" and/or "customer number" forms should be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7751.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joan Olszewski".

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